

# Superior Watershed Partnership

## 2023 MEAP Grant

**Grant Award:** \$2,460,000

**Service Area for all MEAP services:** Upper Peninsula of Michigan counties including: Alger, Baraga, Chippewa, Delta, Dickinson, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette, Menominee, Ontonagon and Schoolcraft.

**Additional Service Area for Consumers Energy, DTE Energy and Semco Energy Affordable Payment Plan**

**Customers:** All Michigan counties

**Anticipated Reach:** 1,300 Households

The Superior Watershed Partnership (SWP) is an MDHHS Navigation and Referral Partner for the Michigan Energy Assistance Program (MEAP). Households who present with an energy crisis will initially apply for the State Emergency Relief (SER) program, either directly with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) or with assistance from the SWP MEAP or its Access Partners. SER applicants will be eligible to receive energy security services, including case management, energy conservation and budgeting workshop, referrals, energy kits, Department of Energy Home Energy Scores, weatherization and residential solar installation through the SWP MEAP. Qualified households will be eligible for SWP MEAP direct payment assistance, including enrollment in an affordable payment plan.

The SWP will assist clients in completing the MI Bridges application in person at the SWP Energy & Climate Office, at Access Partner locations, and temporarily (The SWP will follow the temporary COVID-19 measure issued through MDHHS) by phone.

This program will help struggling families in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan pay energy bills during the coldest months of the year, become more aware of home energy conservation and budgeting, receive the tools needed to gain the confidence to budget for future energy cost, and reduce energy consumption to decrease the household's dependence on LIHEAP.

### Program Details

- SWP and its Access Partners assist clients with the MI Bridges State Emergency Relief (SER) application
- Client completes required Energy-Security Plan to qualify for MEAP energy assistance
- Client completes required Energy Conservation and Financial Education workshops offered in-person, on paper and online; 250 clients will receive a home energy kit
- Affordable Payment Plans: Consumers Energy, DTE Energy, SEMCO Energy and Upper Peninsula Power Company
- Department of Energy Home Energy Score assessment including energy report and energy kit
- Customized weatherization for up to 100 income-eligible MEAP clients
- Residential solar array panel installations for up to four income-eligible MEAP clients

### Partners

- Consumers Energy Company
- DTE Energy Company
- SEMCO Energy Company
- Upper Peninsula Power Company
- CLEARresult
- Participating Society of St. Vincent de Paul offices, participating Native American tribes in the Upper Peninsula

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